

## ABSTRACT

A punch press has a punch supporting member (22) for supporting a plurality of punches (26) and a die supporting member (24) for supporting a plurality of dies (28), wherein identification media (34, 36) representing a punch and a die identification information for identifying each tool are attached to each punch and die, respectively. The punch press comprises a punch identification medium reader (38) for reading out a punch identification information from the punch identification medium (34) attached to said punch; a die identification medium reader (40) for reading out a die identification information from the die identification medium (36) attached to said die; and a comparator (68) for comparing a punch identification information from said punch identification medium reader and a die identification information from said die identification medium reader with each other.

(Fig. 10)